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Remarks

Claims 120-158 are pending in the present application. Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that Claims 120-155 are allowed and that Claim 157 would be allowable if rewritten in proper form to include all of the limitations of independent Claim 156. Independent Claim 156 and Claims 157 and 158 dependent therefrom are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(a) for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter applicants regard as their invention. Applicants have accordingly amended Claim 156 to correct a grammatical error to place the claim in compliance with 37 CFR 1.75(a). Applicants have further amended Claim 156 to include the limitation recited in Claim 157 and have cancelled Claim 156. Upon entry of the amendment, Claims 120-156 and Claim 158 are pending in the application.

Claim 156 and 158 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,685,094. Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection is moot in light of the amendment of Claim 156 to incorporate the limitation of Claim 157, which the Examiner has indicated would render the claim allowable. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that amended Claim 156 and Claim 158 which depends therefrom are patentable over the cited art and are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment and reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims. In light of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are now in condition for allowance.

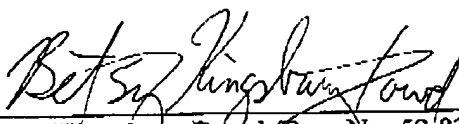
Applicants believe that no fees are necessitated by the present Response. However, in the event that any fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0923.

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If the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation with Applicants' attorney would expedite allowance of this application, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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